

Dear Committee:

It is INSANE to raid these funds; tell the governor to find the money somewhere else.

DOWNSIZE STATE GOVERNMENT in general and stop the overspending!

Too many bloated agencies, commissioners, assistant commissioners, assistant assistant commissioners, all at fat salaries and benefits.

We are a fiscal fiasco!

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Dear Grantees and Members, Urgent! All funding for historic preservation has been cut! The Governor's budget will cut the Community Investment Act. We need to show strength in numbers- we urge everyone reading this email or who has received grant funding from the State Historic Preservation Office and the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation to attend the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee meeting to oppose cutting the Community Investment Act and historic preservation funding in Connecticut: Monday, March 9, 2015 11AM Room 2E of the Legislative Office Building

Background: The Governor's budget proposes a complete sweep of Community Investment Act (CIA) funds from January 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. \$15 million will be swept to balance this year's budget (FY15-16) and \$41 million for FY16-17. This affects our partners in the Community Investment Act Coalition: Open Space, Agriculture, and Affordable Housing.

What is the Community Investment Act?

Under the CIA, a \$40 recording fee is collected on every real-estate transaction. The fees are then distributed in support of 1. historic preservation, 2. protecting open spaces, 3. preserving farmland, and 4. creating affordable housing.

Who has benefited from the Community Investment Act?

All of our communities have benefited from CIA funds in some way. To date, over \$133 million has been given back to 165 Connecticut towns since the Act's inception in 2006, creating some 4,000 jobs in the process.

What will the Community Investment Act cuts mean to Connecticut's History?

Raiding these funds to balance the budget means no money for restoration grants, technical assistance, condition assessments and feasibility studies, our field service program, and more.

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